



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

BEIER et al.

Examiner: Qian, X

Serial No.: 09/801,925 *ph*

Group Art Unit: 1636

Filed: March 9, 2001

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Title: THE USE OF ANTIGESTAGENS FOR INHIBITING ACCELERATED ENDOMETRIAL
MATURATION DURING INFERTILITY TREATMENT

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 17, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Amendment in the Claims and the Claim Objections

Claim 27 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 1. Claim 27 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Election/Restriction

Applicants respectfully disagree with the conclusion of the Examiner that the election was without traverse under MPEP § 818.03(a). The Office Action alleged that applicants did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement. Applicants pointed out that the traversal is made on the ground that the examiner has not established that an